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Elba's Gilmore wins Who's Who of American Teachers award

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School history teacher Al Gilmore earlier this year was named Alabama's DAR [Daughters of the American Revolution] Outstanding Teacher of American History for 2023.

That statewide honor put Gilmore in contention for national recognition as an outstanding American History teacher, and recently those making the national selection agreed!

"It is my understanding that when I won the American History Teacher of the Year award for the state, that put me on the list for this," Coach Gilmore said. "It is the Who's Who of American Teachers, sponsored by the New York Times, and the state's DAR folks entered my name for consideration of the award."

He said his name was into into a pool of about 900 teachers for the Who's Who award. That list was narrowed down, and Gilmore made the top ten. He did a



Elba High School history teacher Al Gilmore is shown here holding a plaque from The Marquis Who's Who Publication Board certifying his inclusion in the publication as an outstanding teacher of American History.

preliminary interview, and he made it to the top three.

"Myself and one other teacher were chosen for this award," Gilmore said. "It is my understanding they do about 20-30 of these per year. My name goes into a publication now, and it essentially says I am a good teacher and the things I do

in my classroom are impacting students in a good way."

Gilmore graduated from Troy University with a degree in social science and a minor in political science. He now is in his 17th year of teaching and his sixth as a history teacher at Elba High School. He also serves as a coach for the school.

His father, Lyvon Gilmore, was a teacher and administrator in the Alabama and Georgia public school systems for over 32 years, and his mother, Frances Gilmore, was a teacher in the Alabama public school system for 30 years before she retired.

"My parents taught me the value of learning, not just in our own personal history, but in the history of the country and the world," Gilmore said. "They taught me that looking into the past can help shape the future."

While he said receiving this Who's Who award is a humbling honor because it does recognize teachers for their hard work, he said the real honorees should be his parents.

"The first thing I did when I got the award was drive to my dad's house and give him the award," Gilmore said. "It was a validation that a lifetime's work is acknowledged. It is gratifying, and it does make you feel good. I gave it to the one the award really belongs to because without my dad I wouldn't be the person I am now and I wouldn't be where I am now."

Gilmore said giving the award to his dad was his way of saying "thank you" to his parents.

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New Brockton kindergarten students in Beverly Simms class are shown working Monday morning, Oct. 30, on their reading and writing skills. NBES recently received statewide recognition for making reading and writing a priority as it was named a 2023 Science of Reading Spotlight School by the Alabama Department of Education.

NBES named Science of Reading Spotlight School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Alabama Department of Education recently named New Brockton Elementary School [NBES], a part of the Coffee County School System, as a 2023 Science of Reading Spotlight School.

"Only 12 schools in the state were selected based on characteristics such as academic excellence and growth in the area of reading and high-quality literacy instruction," said NBES principal Holli Richardson. "We are excited and honored to receive this recognition because it highlights the hard work of our reading specialists, teachers, and interventionists. They are

committed to the success of our students and work every day to make sure our students are receiving all the tools they need to read on or above grade level."

The Alabama Reading Initiative recognizes schools that have demonstrated a strong commitment to Alabama's K-3 learners, and schools that demonstrated a growth in their outcome data for proficiency and sufficiency that exceeds the growth of the state average were given this special recognition, according to a state resolution for the Science of Reading Spotlight Schools. The resolution further noted these schools exemplify a commitment to student-centered coach-

ing to move students in their data and teachers in their practice; and the science of reading is considered an integral part of the educational process to prevent and address reading difficulties for the purpose of enabling all students to read and tackle grade level texts.

The Alabama State Board of Education commended the professional accomplishment of the schools named Science of Reading Spotlight Schools for 2023 of which NBES was the only local school to make the list.

"This is a huge honor for New Brockton Elementary

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The City of Elba allowed for neighborhood trick-or-treating last Saturday evening, Oct. 28, and lots of little ones enjoyed dressing in costume for the event. Maggie Hunt was one of the more than 100 children that visited residents on Forest Lake Drive last Saturday. She dressed as Wednesday Addams from the Addams Family and was in full character mode while trick-or-treating. Maggie is the daughter of Dustin and Brittany Hunt of Elba. She attends school at Kinston Elementary.



This single vehicle accident occurred last week at the Curtis Community intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and State Hwy. 141. Reportedly, the driver had climbed safely from the vehicle before emergency personnel arrived on scene.

Barry Moore announces candidacy for home district

Barry Moore released the following statement after filing to run for Congress to represent his hometown and the people of Alabama's First District.

"The new AL-01 needs an effective conservative fighter who is willing to take on the swamp and put people over politics. That is why today I filed to run for re-election. Thanks to Biden's failed policies, our nation is \$33 trillion in debt, our borders are wide open, global conflict is rampant, and Alabamians are worried about their own government weaponizing against them. We have a lot to do in Washington to get our country back on track, and my record shows I'll never clock out when there is work to be done.

In 2015, I was the first elected official in the nation

to endorse Donald Trump for President at the Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, and I have worked tirelessly to further the America First agenda. During my three years in Congress, we have passed legislation

ensuring Veterans families have the benefits they deserve, resolved more than 3,700 cases for constituents in need, exposed weaponized government on the House Judiciary Committee, and worked to ensure producers have the resources they need as a member of the House Agriculture Committee. I've proven that as a House Freedom Caucus Member and the most effective Republican Congressman from Alabama during my

first term, that you can be effective and conservative at the same time.

Like President Trump, I too have faced political persecution, but I fought the Montgomery Swamp and won. Since coming to Congress, I've continued the fight against the DC Swamp and the radical leftists weaponizing our government against our President, our parents, and our principles.

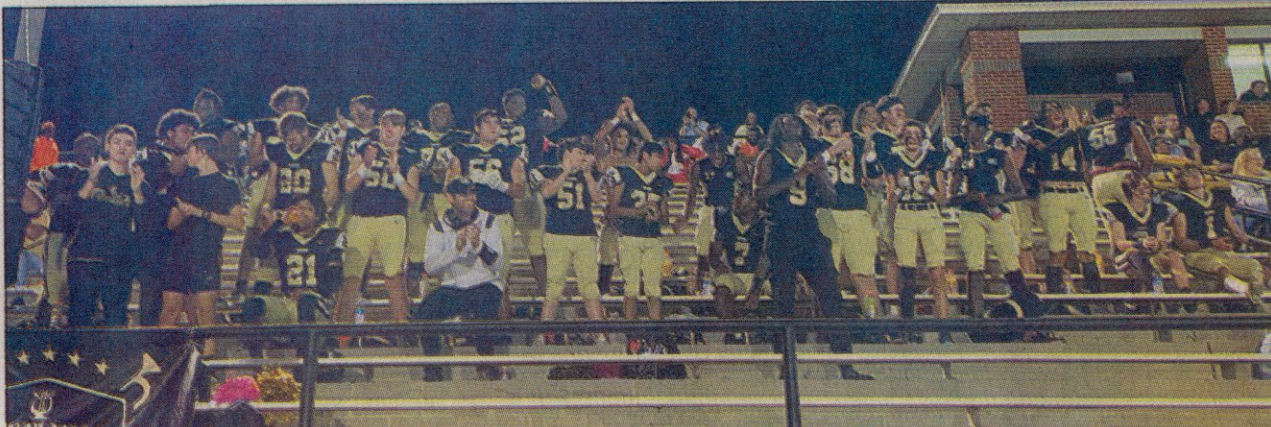
Representing Alabama in Congress has been a tremendous blessing and I am excited about the opportunity to serve the people of southern Alabama from the Gulf Coast to the Wiregrass. Alabama's First Congressional District is now one of the most conservative in the nation and we deserve an effective representative in Congress who is equally as conservative."



Area Happenings

Alabama Republican Party Chairman John Wahl will be the keynote speaker at the Wiregrass Republican Women meeting Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Hwy., Enterprise, Ala. Doors will open at 11 a.m. and the program will begin at 12 noon. Among the topics Chairman Wahl will be addressing includes the 2024 election and the impact of the recent Congressional redistricting on the Wiregrass region.

The Elba Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street in Elba.



The Elba Marching Tiger Band received extra support last Friday night, Oct. 27, during halftime when the football team and coaches spent their break in the stands watching and cheering for the band. A handful of the band members also are football players, and Coach Marc Sieving said he wanted his team to show their support to and for the band. As shown above, the football players and coaches enjoyed the band's performance and they let them know it too!

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." - Will Rogers

Heights are not for us. Recently we saw a picture of workers working high, high up in the sky strapped to some sort of pole. Just watching them made our stomach get that funny feelings that always happens when we are high up and looking down. As a teenager we were in Birmingham and went up into the Vulcan monument. Stepping out on that walkway was not pleasant. We surely didn't lean over the metal railing as several of our group did. When our daughter was a little girl, she wanted to climb up the steps of a fire tower. We started up with our arms holding the rails on each side of her. After a few landings up we stopped and admitted to her we just could not go any higher . . the fear of her falling only added to our natural concerns. Ironically when in the Army we routinely hung out the open helicopter door directing the pilots over a pick-up or drop situation – or just to watch something on the ground. The heights from that angle never bothered us but even today, don't ask us to climb a water tower!!!

U. S. Representative Barry Moore, of Enterprise and now in District #2, has announced he will be a candidate for re-election in his newly drawn District #1. That District #1 seat is presently held by two-term Republican Jerry Carl of Mobile, who will be seeking re-election. The district stretches across South Alabama from the Georgia border to the Mississippi border. It is going to be interesting to see if either candidate can keep 'his' part of the district loyal while picking up considerable support from the rest of the district.

If you tried to call The Elba Clipper in recent weeks and no one answered, accept our apology. The robocalls have been about to drive us crazy. Twenty or more per day! The main one is selling old folks insurance, but other stuff enters the mix every day. We have tried giving silly answers, begging them to stop calling us, etc., but nothing works. Blocking their number doesn't help, as the call two minutes later is the same call but from a different number, sometimes from an area code halfway across the country. During the last several days, we have refused to answer the phone unless it was a recognized number or at least a local number. However even that hasn't worked. Today we twice answered an Elba number only to hear that @#%\$^*& recording about "I understand you have Medicare Part A and B". Ask them who they are calling and that gets you a hang up, only to get another call minutes later. Oh, and they always ask "Can you hear me" and our answer is "No I can't hear a thing you are saying". That can sometimes get a hang up. Ah, our best one that gets spitting and sputtering from "Senior Advisor" is, "Hey I will be a senior next year and when I get 18 Mama says I have got to get off her insurance so can you help me get some health insurance". That is guaranteed to get a hang up.

GILMORE

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"The look on his face was worth anything I had to go through to get the award," he said.

As for Gilmore's joy in getting to teach history on a daily basis – he says it is the best thing in the world!

"I teach history as it is and as it was...the good and the bad," he said. "It is not my job to teach my students what to think. It is my job to teach them how

to think."

He said he received the original award from DAR solely because a group of seniors from two years ago wrote a letter [that he knew nothing about at the time] nominating him as the American History Teacher of the Year. He said those students wrote about how his class had impacted their lives and how they apply the things they learned from

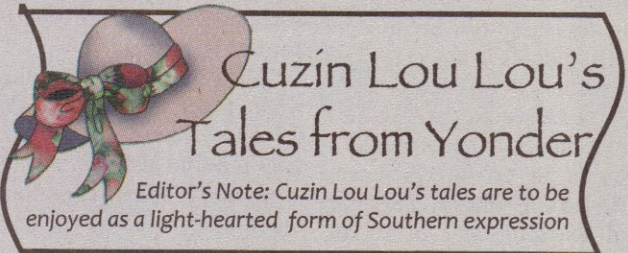
him in their everyday life.

"The chairman of that DAR selection committee told me there had never been a letter like that written before," Gilmore said. "To me, that is me just doing what I do every day. When I see my students are successful, that is my paycheck...my award. We are put on this earth to be a servant, and that is my way to serve."



TRICK-OR-TREATING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR!

Little Byrdie Forbes talked her family into dressing up together for neighborhood trick-or-treating last Saturday night in Elba. Byrdie's dad, Robbie, is a firefighter so a fire scene was the perfect idea for the family! Mom (Raeann) was the fire, Sister (Taylor) was the fire truck while Byrdie and Dad were the firefighters.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister enjoyed passing out candy [and popcorn] to the little trick-or-treaters this past Saturday evening!

The addition of handing out a bag of freshly popped popcorn along with the candy was a last minute brainstorm for Lou Lou, and it seemed to be a really big hit with the trick-or-treaters! There were even a few tag-along adults that decided they too want-

ed some popcorn when they realized Lou Lou and Sister had the "good stuff."

Lou Lou always enjoys passing out treats at Halloween, and she had even more fun this year with the addition of the popcorn. Admittedly, it was more work than she expected to keep plenty of popcorn ready for the trick-or-treaters, but it was worth it all to see the excitement.

Afterwards, Lou Lou announced that she would need to add something else to the treats next year, which of course, received an eye roll from Sister...she never knows what Lou Lou will come up with next! Right off, some of the ideas include maybe cotton candy, or even passing out hot dogs.

Heck! Lou Lou might just feed everybody supper! Who knows!! Until she decides, she'll just let Sister worry about what might be.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, through Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center – **Tuesday, Oct. 24** – Traffic accident reported on Hwy 203 (2:13 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1278 Highland Dr (8:20 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 815 Rebecca Lane (10:21 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1540 Reese Ave (10:39 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 165 Larkin Rd (6:10 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1200 County Rd 264 (8:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on the Elba Square (11:47 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, and one no action taken. **Wednesday, Oct. 25** – Traffic accident reported on Hwy 189 (3:50 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1232 Ann St (9:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 691 Williams Ave (12:53 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 1578 Powell Circle (1:11 p.m.); Vandalism reported at 994 Sunset Blvd (3:11 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 689 Hwy 141 (5:28 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 632 Claxton Ave (6:04 p.m.);

Animal complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (6:51 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (9:28 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, three citations, and two written warnings.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1200 County Rd 264 (2:40 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 715 Reese Ave (5:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 679 Lee St – w/impound (6:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 705 Kennedy Dr (8:00 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 955 Reese Ave (8:24 a.m.); Vandalism reported at 863 Reese Ave (10:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Taylor Mill Rd (12:49 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 1539 Seminole Dr (2:03 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 987 Drayton Ave (3:29 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1035 Morrow Ave (6:50 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:33 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, three verbal warnings, and one citation.

Friday, Oct. 27 – Animal complaint reported at 603 Kendrick St – w/impound (12:08 p.m.); Domestic call reported at 873 Cedar Lane Dr (1:18 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on E Davis St (2:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of the Elba Country Club (10:57 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, one arrest, and one written warning.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – Traffic accident reported at 4301 Hwy 125 (3:57 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1311 Reese Ave (10:55 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 1446 Smith Ave (11:03 a.m.); Lost/Found property reported at 1019 Johnson St (11:24 a.m.); Noise complaint reported on Farris Ave (10:05 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on E Davis St (11:53 p.m.).

Sunday, Oct. 29 – Harassment reported at 811 Buford St (1:37 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on E Davis St (3:33 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 87/ Ballfield (2:45 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 615 Jackson St (2:54 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 541 Plant Ave (10:00 p.m.).

Monday, Oct. 30 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 991 Winston Ave (8:37 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (10:55 a.m.); Report of shots fired at 19880 Hwy 87 (8:47 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, four citations, one verbal warning, and one advice given.

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BILLY JOE BARENTINE

Mr. Billy Joe Barentine, age 75, of Ozark, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023,



at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 30, 2023,

from Lighthouse Holiness Church with Rev. Jon Isaacs officiating. Burial services followed in the Sunset Memorial Park in Midland City, Ala. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Barentine family.

Survivors include his wife: Linda Barentine, Ozark; niece: Heidi (Jon) Isaacs, Elba, Ala.; great-nieces: Alayna (Nathan) Weeks, Colquitt, Ga., Alivya Isaacs, and AnnaKate Isaacs, both of Elba; great great-niece: Emersyn Weeks, Colquitt; and sister: Eloise Marsh, Dothan, Ala.

BILLY JOE MCGILL

Mr. Billy Joe McGill, age 85, of Robertsdale, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at his home in Robertsdale.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2023, from Goodman Baptist Church with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating. Burial followed in the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala., directing.

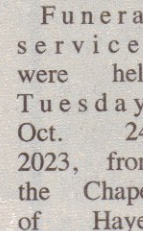
Mr. McGill was preceded in death by his father - JD McGill, mother - Jewell Bradley McGill, sister - Peggy McGill, brother - Jerry McGill, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include his wife: Martha Joyce McGill, Robertsdale; daughters: Nicole (Christian) Kirkpatrick, Tammie (Mike) Kelso, Danielle Naquin, all of Robertsdale, Monica (Greg) Shine, Huntsville, Ala., and Sherry (Mike) Bennett, Lillian, Ala.; sister: Pam McGill, Enterprise, Ala., 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife: Martha Joyce McGill, Robertsdale; daughters: Nicole (Christian) Kirkpatrick, Tammie (Mike) Kelso, Danielle Naquin, all of Robertsdale, Monica (Greg) Shine, Huntsville, Ala., and Sherry (Mike) Bennett, Lillian, Ala.; sister: Pam McGill, Enterprise, Ala., 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DWYETT GRANTHAM

Mr. Dwyett Grantham, age 70, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at his home.



Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Mr. Grantham was preceded in death by his parents, Ivey and Grady Bured Grantham, along with siblings, Wanda Davis, G.B. Grantham Jr., Grady "Buster" Grantham, Eugene "Snowball" Grantham, Benny "Pete" Grantham, and Henry Grantham.

Survivors include his wife: Marie Grantham; son: Chris (Kelley) Grantham; grandsons: Grady Grantham and Robert Grantham; and granddaughter: Gracie Grantham, all of Elba; and three sisters: Polly Grantham, Elba, Gail (Glenn) Gatlin, Jack, Ala., and Faye (Jimmy) Tillis, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Marie Grantham; son: Chris (Kelley) Grantham; grandsons: Grady Grantham and Robert Grantham; and granddaughter: Gracie Grantham, all of Elba; and three sisters: Polly Grantham, Elba, Gail (Glenn) Gatlin, Jack, Ala., and Faye (Jimmy) Tillis, Elba.

GLORIA ANN ROBERTS

Mrs. Gloria Ann Roberts, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023,



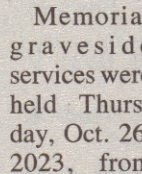
at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023,

at 2 p.m., from Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church with Rev. Lloyd Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Vernon Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Visitation was at Mt. Vernon Assembly of God on Wednesday from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include her husband: Jerry Roberts, Elba; daughter: Dr. Carla (Elliot) Politte, and grandson: Henry Politte, all of Marietta, Ga.; and sister: Wanda (John) Carr, Luverne, Ala.

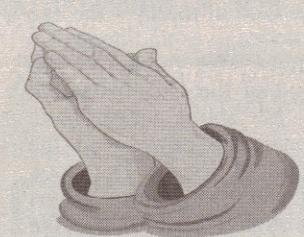
RANDELL A HENDERSON

Mr. Randell A Henderson, age 71, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at his home.



Memorial graveside services were held Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, from Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Josh Henderson officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba served the Henderson family.

Survivors include his sister: Jeanette Muth, Huntsville, Ala.; and brother: Glen (Deborah) Henderson, Letohatchee, Ala., along with three nephews and one niece.



JONATHAN "SALLY" MALCOM WILLIS

Mr. Jonathan "Sally" Malcom Willis, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at his mother's home in Elba, Ala.



Mr. Willis was well known for his mechanical skills in the Elba area having worked at Haley's, then Runt's Auto Sav during his teens and early 20's. He then worked at Dorsey's, Goodyear, and Duracast before settling in as a maintenance mechanic at Wayne's Farms.

He was a general Mr. Fix-it and could just about tell you in a few seconds what was wrong with about any machine. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Scott Penn officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his father - Roland Malcom Willis, his grandparents - Benjamin Hollis and Ina Earl Livings Brown, and Wilburn Lester and Cora Lee Powell Willis.

Survivors include his wife: Glenda Gail Willis, Elba; mother: Marlene Brown Willis, Elba; daughter: Lisa Gail Kelley, Elba; sisters: Debra Lee Crosby, Elba, and Benita Earl Hurley, Virginia Beach, Va.; grandson: James Jonathan DeBoer; and special sisters-in-law: Mary Ann and Shirley.

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A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid walk through shall occur on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 @ 9:00 AM Local Time starting at the principal's office at Zion Chapel High School, then proceeding to the other sites.

All General Contractors bidding on these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of BARBARAHENDERSON, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2023-076

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Monica Henderson, as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara Henderson, deceased, on the 10th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Gypsy Morrow Smith
Gypsy Morrow Smith (MOR100)

Attorney for Executrix 119 E. Three Notch Street Andalusia, Alabama 36420 (334) 222-8220 10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-070

IN THE MATTER OF CLEVELAND BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Emma Clark on the 10th day of October 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of October 2023. Emma Clark
Personal Representative 10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUDY KELLEY SIMMONS, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2023-059

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Mary Shannon Anderson, as Administrator of the Estate of Judy Kelley Simmons, deceased, on the 4th day of June, 2023, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate of Judy Kelley Simmons are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson Judge of Probate 10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATTY SUE SASSER, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-060

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of PATTY SUE

SASSER, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred./s/ Dennis Paul Sasser
DENNIS PAUL SASSER
Personal Representative 10/19,26,&11/2-pd.IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-071

IN THE MATTER OF VERA MAE BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Emma Clark on the 10th day of October 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of October 2023. Emma Clark
Personal Representative 10/19,26&11/2-pd.**Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-HSIP-0189(535) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on November 03, 2023 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-189 from the junction of Reese Avenue to the junction of SR-12 (US-84) in Elba. Length 0.931 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty (30) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket

have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$528,742 To \$646,241 .

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director 10/19,26 & 11/2-chg**Notice** is hereby given that L&K Contracting Company, Inc. 4506 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the USDA Water Improvement Martin Luther King Drive Water Main Replacements, in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the utilities Director of the Water Works & Electric Board of the City of Elba.

10-26 & 11-2, 9-chg

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Lower Alabama Heating Cooling and Refrigeration, LLC, Contractor, has completed the Contract for Improvement of Modernization of Public Housing Sites AL107-5, IX and AL107-6, VIII CFP Modernization Number: AL09-P107-501-22 at Elba for the Housing Authority of the City of Elba, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify The Architectural Office of William J. Peek, 908 S. Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

/s/ Justin Davis
Contractor 95 Massey Street Chatham, AL 36518 11/2,9,16,&23-chg.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson wasn't really much of a volleyball fan during the regular season, but has been to every match in post-season play, and while he does multi-task between his video games and watching the matches, he has become more vocal at the matches and has turned into a real fan. While many supporters come to every match, I know that he is his Mom's #1 fan!

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers made the most* of last week's homecoming celebration as every player that dressed out got to play, the team sat in the bleachers at halftime to watch the band perform its halftime show, and most important – posted a big 64-14 win to clinch the region title and send the alumni and fans home with a smile on their faces. On offense, the Tigers returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown, scored on their first seven possessions and added a punt return for a score as they lit up the scoreboard. Over on defense, the Tigers limited Pleasant Home to a negative nine yards in total offense on its first six possessions, while the special teams also had a big night as two short kickoffs were recovered by the Tigers to help set up scores. There was no doubt before the game or after the game that Elba was clearly the better team. However, it was good to see the Tigers come out ready to play and show everyone in attendance what the region champs look like when they are on a roll.

*** *It was a big week for the Elba Lady Tigers* volleyball team as they posted a pair of wins at the Super Regional to punch their tickets for this week's 'Elite 8' state tournament in Birmingham. The Lady Tigers entered the 16-team tournament as an area runner-up and were not expected to be a factor in a loaded field, but knocked off a pair of area champs in the first two matches and this week will be the only area runner-up in the field in Birmingham. The trip to state will mark the first time since 2010 the Lady Tigers have been in the field, and win or lose it will just be icing on the cake that has been one of the most successful volleyball seasons in the history of Elba High. Congratulations, Lady Tigers!!!!

*** *It was a so-so week for the teams in the area* as Zion Chapel and Brantley both posted big wins, while Kinston and New Brockton suffered big losses. * *Zion Chapel got off to a slow start* on the road at Abbeville, but once the Rebels started their march they were unstoppable as they rolled to a 56-26 win to even their record at 5-5 on the season. The Rebels found an identity this season that should be around for a while and they definitely look like winners. * *Brantley won its second straight game* as the Bulldogs geared up for a playoff push with a 54-13 romp over Red Level. The Bulldogs still may not be as talented as some of their teams in the past, but don't tell this bunch, because they are having fun again and believe they still have a lot of ball left to play. * *Kinston scored only three points on four trips inside the red zone* and was never able to slow down Florala on defense in a 53-3 loss. The Bulldogs play as hard as any team around, and even though they don't have the record to show for it, are big fan favorites. * *New Brockton fell behind early* and never caught up in a 42-20 loss to 5A power Headland. The Gamecocks made too many mistakes to win against a team with the power of the Rams, but never gave up and once again showed a winning attitude.

*** *It was another exciting week all across the state* as teams and fans began to look forward to the upcoming playoffs. I know there is still one game left on the regular season schedule, but taking a peek ahead revealed that Elba will be at home in the opening round against University Charter School, and a win would move the Tigers into round two against the winner of the Millry-Notasulga game, with the second game also being in Elba if Millry advances. Area foe Georgiana will also be at home in the first round, but is only one win away from a second round clash against defending state champ Leroy.

In the 1A ranks it looks like murderer's row as the playoffs get past the opening round. Up in Class 2A, things don't really look too good for the teams in the area Elba used to compete in, as G.W. Long will have to go up against Goshen, Arifton will have to butt heads with Highland Home, Wicksburg will run head first into Reeltown and Cottonwood will get to take the field against Luverne. The bears from Cottonwood will be favorites, but the other three appear to be in trouble, early. Another note... Highland Home's loss last week also puts the Squadron one win away from a clash with top-ranked B.B. Comer, the team that eliminated Highland Home just one year ago. Over in Class 3A, Houston Academy will be at home in week one against Alabama Christian, but is just one win away from top-ranked Mobile Christian, and in Class 4A, Andalusia will be at home in the opening round, but could then run into undefeated Jackson in round two. In Class 5A, Charles Henderson, the defending state runner-up, earned a homefield advantage in round one, but is one win away from a battle against unbeaten Gulf Shores. Hey, fans may look way ahead and try to figure out what five teams their favorite teams will face, but once the post-season starts there are no easy wins, and the teams that come to play are the teams that advance.

In action last week, (*Class 1A*) top-ranked Leroy flexed its muscles in a 26-0 win over #4 Millry to improve to 8-0, while #2 Elba roared past Pleasant Home 64-14 and #3 Sweet Water rolled over St. Luke's 42-7, as the rich only got richer. (*Class 2A*) In the game of the week in the South, #2 Highland Home lost to #4 Reeltown 21-14 to slip to the number two seed, while top-ranked B.B. Comer hammered Fayetteville 49-0 and #3 Fyffe clobbered Ider 46-0 and appears ready to make another state title run. Closer to home, Cottonwood improved to 8-0 with a 38-0 win over Geneva County, Goshen continued to light up the scoreboard in a 62-38 win over Horseshoe Bend, Arifton kept rolling with a 37-7 win over Samson, G.W. Long locked down a second seed with a 31-26 win over Wicksburg, and Luverne snapped a three-game losing streak with a 36-0 win over LaFayette. (*Class 3A*) Top-ranked Mobile Christian pounded previously unbeaten Thomasville 45-14 and #2 Madison Academy topped Susan Moore 55-7, while closer to home Houston Academy ripped Providence Christian 56-14, Pike County dumped Daleville 49-6 and Straughn spanked Opp 48-0. (*Class 4A*) Top-ranked Andalusia lost on the road to #3 Catholic 27-14 and #2 Cherokee County beat up on Ashville 56-7, while closer to home Dale County lost to B.T. Washington 40-26, Slocumb lost to Bullock County 37-14, Geneva lost to Montgomery Academy 55-24 and T.R. Miller was outscored by St. Michael 55-54. (*Class 5A*) Top-ranked Gulf Shores ripped #9 Vigor 49-12 and 32 Ramsay rolled over Birmingham Carver 41-12, while closer to home Charles Henderson whipped Selma 44-6 and Carroll lost to Valley 27-21. (*Class 6A*) Top-ranked Saraland beat #9 Theodore 42-13 and #2 Clay-Chalkville toppled Shades Valley 62-7, and (*Class 7A*) #2 Thompson struggled to a 21-11 win over Hoover, #3 Mary Montgomery stayed undefeated with a 56-0 win over Robertsdale, #4 Dothan slipped past Opelika 38-34 and #7 Enterprise coasted past JAG 41-8.

*** *It was a good week for college fans* in the area as Auburn took charge early and held on to claim a 27-13 conference win over Mississippi State, and Troy staged a furious second half rally to tame Texas State 31-13. The Tigers had their fans excited about their offense in the first half, but settled back down in the second half and scored only three points in the win. But, a win is a win, and one Auburn badly needed. As for the Trojans, they rallied

from a halftime deficit for the seventh time in two years to move atop the conference division standings and became bowl eligible.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator sent in his picks in an email again this week, but also made sure I knew he hit on 31 of 34 picks last week as he continued one of his best seasons in decades. He added that this week could have a few surprises if teams look ahead to the playoffs, but said he feels confident of another solid week. Okay, here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. MCKENZIE

This one shapes up as a real catfight between two teams that can light up the scoreboard. The Pea River felines have been on a roll all season and are looking to close out their second consecutive undefeated regular season for only the second time in over 100 years, but the kitties from over in Butler County will have their claws sharpened and will be ready for a fight. This one could be a lot closer than many may think.

ELBA 42 MCKENZIE 22

KINSTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The bulldogs from down near the county line will be looking to end the season at home with a big win, but will have to battle past a pride of lions from over in the Wiregrass to close the year with a good taste in their mouths. There is no doubt the bulldogs will fight to the end; however, the guess here goes to the lions.

HOUSTON COUNTY 36 KINSTON 32

NEW BROCKTON VS. NORTHSIDE METHODIST

The roosters from over behind the warehouse have been clearing their throats all week hoping to do some crowing late Friday night after a big homefield win. While the roosters may enter the game as slight favorites, they will have to play all four quarters to pick up win number three. I can hear them crowing now.

NEW BROCKTON 34 NORTHSIDE METHODIST 28

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The bulldogs from up across the creek are looking to head into the playoffs on a three-game winning streak and move up to the number three spot in the region standings this week when they host a litter of kitties from down near the state line. The 'dogs have been lighting up the scoreboard in recent wins, and will have to again this week to have a chance at pulling out a win. My guess is....

FLORALA 40 BRANTLEY 34

OTHER PICKS:

Leroy 41 Washington County 6
Headland 28 Cottonwood 21
Straughn 31 Providence Ch. 10
Rehobeth 24 G.W. Long 13
Georgiana 54 Pleasant Home 0
Samson 26 Red Level 20
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Tigers brace for catfight with McKenzie

The Elba Tigers will be looking to put the wraps on their second straight undefeated regular season Friday night when they host the McKenzie Tigers, in a late-season region clash.

Elba has already clinched the region title and will carry a 9-0 record into the regular season finale, while McKenzie will bring a 5-4 record into the match-up.

"McKenzie is loaded with athletes and has proven it can put points on the scoreboard on any team on its schedule," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "It is true it has a 4-5 record, but two of the losses were by two points, which shows you it

is not a losing football team. To watch McKenzie on film will make you sit up and take notice, and we know we will have our hands full Friday night."

Elba has won 31 of its last 34 games and with a win can post back-to-back undefeated regular seasons for only the second time in the 101-year history of Elba Tiger football.

McKenzie, which averages 36.8 points a game and allows 28.5 points per game, has posted wins over Wilcox Central 47-28, Pleasant Home 54-7, Red Level 40-19, J.U. Blacksher 38-16 and Kinston 45-19, while losing to Georgiana

54-14, Brantley 30-28, Florala 36-34 and Houston County 48-32.

"McKenzie scores a lot of points and has a really good quarterback, a runner that runs hard and a couple of receivers that can go deep at any time," added Coach Sieving. "They run a spread offense and are comfortable both running and passing, and have a really good team. We can't look ahead to the playoffs against McKenzie and will have to be focused and be ready to play a four quarter game. We will try to just run our base offense and defense and add another win to our record, but it won't be easy."

"We have 13 seniors that will be honored at the game and that will be very emotional to the players, the team and us as coaches," said Sieving. "After he ceremony the seniors will have to get ready for a fight and close out the season with a win."

When asked about last week's 64-14 win over Pleasant Home, Coach Sieving stated, "We did what we needed to do and it was great to get the win, great to win the region and great to get all the players into the game. Homecoming can be a distraction, but our players handled it well and played hard. It was a good win."

Area teams will all be at home in week #10

The high school football season regular season will come to an end this week for two of the three teams in the area, with all three teams getting the opportunity to close out the season at home.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

Kinston vs. Houston Co.

The (2-7) Kinston Bulldogs will see a disappointing season draw to a close with a region clash against the (4-5) Houston County Lions.

Houston County leads the series 3-2, while Kinston won a year ago 18-15.

The Bulldogs, which will be coming off a 53-3 loss to Florala, will enter the game riding a 3-game losing streak, while the Lions which will be coming off a 48-32 win over McKenzie, has won three of their last

four games.

Brantley vs. Florala

The (5-4) Brantley Bulldogs and (7-2) Florala Wildcats will be fighting for playoff seeding when they tangle at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Brantley leads the series 26-3-1 and last season rolled to a 53-25 win.

The Bulldogs will enter the game with a two-game winning streak and last

week posted a 54-13 win over Red Level, while the Wildcats will be coming off a big 53-3 win over Kinston and has averaged over 35 points per game this season.

New Brockton vs. Northside Methodist

The (2-7) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to end a rebuilding season on a positive note when they host the (2-7) Northside

Methodist Knights, at Gamecock Stadium.

Northside Methodist leads the series 3-0 and last season posted a 48-18 win.

The Gamecocks will be coming off a 42-20 loss to the 5A Headland Rams, while the Knights will come into the game riding in a four-game losing streak.

Kickoff for all games will be at 7:00 PM.

Elba youth football regular season ends; Mini Mites & Termites advance

The youth football teams for the Elba Parks and Recreation completed their regular season last Saturday, Oct. 28, as the young Tigers traveled to Opp.

The Elba Mini Mites won a close one 6-0 over Opp to close out the regular season. This placed Elba in second place for the Pea River Football League with an overall season record of 6-1. The Mini Mites advance to this Saturday's [Nov. 4] playoffs where they will take on Opp once again in a 1:45 p.m. game in Goshen, Ala.

The Elba Termites closed out the regular season with a 16-0 loss to Opp. This dropped Elba to second place in the Pea River Football league standings with an overall 6-1 record. The Termites advance to this Saturday's playoffs where the Tigers will face Skipperville in a 4:15 p.m. game in Goshen.

The Elba Pee Wee team fell 20-0 to Opp last Saturday. The Tigers finished the 2023 season with an overall 3-4 record. The Pee Wee team finished fifth in the Pea River Football league standings.

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Elba Tiger Kade Harrison (20) sacks a Pleasant Home runner for a big loss in last week's 64-14 homecoming win.



ELBA HOMECOMING QUEEN KENDRA JUAREZ AND HER COURT....reigned at the Elba Tiger football game Friday night. Pictured above (l-r) Sophomore attendant Ja'Hairia Walker, Senior attendant Kadence Hall, Football Sweetheart A'Lyric Whitfield, Queen Kendra Juarez, Senior attendant Haylee Tucker, Junior attendant Alyssa McFarland and Freshman attendant Jadyn Caldwell.

Elba Tigers cage Eagles 64-24

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about and allowed everyone dressed in black and gold to get on the field in a big 64-14 region win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

Elba opened the game with a bang when on the opening kickoff Alvin Henderson took a pitch from Tiger teammate Cameron Gray and sprinted up the field 81 yards for a touchdown. Alex Wisecup passed to Brady Johnson for the two-point conversion, and with only 13-seconds gone off the clock the Tigers were already on top 8-0.

Elba began its first offensive series at its own 36-yardline after an Eagle punt and covered the 64 yards to the endzone in five plays to quickly increase its lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 45 yards on three carries and scored the touchdown on a 20-yard run, and Wisecup booted the extra-point to push the early lead to 15-0 with 7:35 left in the quarter.

Pleasant Home stunned the Tigers when Jacob Bryant returned the ensuing kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown and Vance Kelley added the extra-point to cut the lead to 15-7 with 7:18 remaining in the quarter. However, the Tigers quickly regrouped and scored five touchdowns before the end of the half to open up a 50-7 halftime advantage.

Elba's third touchdown of the quarter came with 5:00 left in the stanza when Cody Gray broke loose on a 41-yard scoring scamper, while an alert Jacob Watkins scooped up a short Pleasant Home punt and raced untouched 40 yards with 1:55 left in the quarter for the fourth td of the opening quarter. Wisecup kicked extra-points following both scores as the Tigers opened up a 29-7 first quarter lead.

Elba's Alvin Henderson scored three touchdowns in the second quarter on three carries as he raced 20 yards with 11:40 left in the quarter, 31 yards with 8:11 left in the quarter and 68 yards with 3:10 left in the quarter for Tiger touchdowns, and Alex Wisecup remained perfect on extra-points as Elba's lead ballooned to 50-7.

Pleasant Home received the second half kickoff and drove 66 yards in nine plays against the Elba reserves to get back into the endzone. Damarion Parker rushed

for 37 yards on four carries to lead the Eagles down the field, while Jacob Bryan added 22 yards on three carries and crossed the goal line on a 7-yard run. Kelley kicked the extra-point, and with 6:35 left in the third quarter Elba's lead stood at 50-14.

Elba needed only 48-seconds to answer the Eagle score as the Tigers went 75 yards in two plays to extend their lead. A 28-yard scamper by Skylar Mitchell got the drive off to a fast start, while Cassidy Carpenter capped the quick scoring drive with a 47-yard td run. Wisecup booted the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 57-14 with 5:47 still left in the quarter.

Elba's Austin Aguilar recovered a Pleasant Home fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set the Tigers up at the Eagle 43-yardline, and three plays later the Tigers were right back in the endzone. Jerod Anderson rushed for 36 yards on two carries and scored the Tigers final td of the night on a 10-yard run with 4:00 remaining in the third quarter, and Alex Wisecup capped off another perfect night with the extra-point as the Tigers lead went to 64-14.

Elba reached a first down at the Pleasant Home 10-yardline late in the quarter before turning the ball over on downs, while Pleasant Home reached a first down at the Elba 2-yardline on its initial possession of the fourth quarter before the Tigers Cassidy Carpenter ripped the ball loose from an Eagle runner to stop the threat, as Elba easily held on to claim the big 64-14 homecoming win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 180 yards and 4 touchdowns on six carries to spark the Elba ground attack, while Cassidy Carpenter added 87 yards and 1 td on five carries, Jerod Anderson added 52 yards and 1 td on seven carries and Cody Gray added 37 yards and 1 td on two carries.

Damarion Parker rushed for 135 yards on 10 carries to lead the Eagles, while Jacob Bryan added 74 yards and 1 td on 13 carries.

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5-35	Penalties-Yds.	4-50



Elba Tiger Keaton Poole (60) applies pressure to the Pleasant Home quarterback in last week's big 64-14 homecoming win.



Elba Tiger Alex Wisecup (3) kicked eight of eight extra-point attempts and passed for a two-point conversion in last week's win. Place-holder for Wisecup on kicks is senior Colin Arnold (1).

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Brantley Bulldog Trey Pittman (5) eyes running room. Pittman rushed for 51 yards and one td in last week's 54-13 win over Red Level.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleaders are ready to get things started. The Gamecocks host Northside Methodist this week.

Brantley bops Tigers 54-13

Statistics by MaxPreps
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs rolled to their second straight win with a big 54-13 region win over the Red Level Tigers, at David Lowery Stadium, in Brantley.

Jayden Parks had a big night for the Bulldogs as he passed for 269 yards and 3 touchdowns and returned an interception 40 yards for a score, while Fred Bogan returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown, Daylan Davis pulled in a 36-yard td toss, Cooper Layton had a 51-yard scoring catch and Trey Pittman rushed for 51 yards and one touchdown on five carries.

The Bulldog defense was paced by Jayden Parks with a pick six, Axton Saunders with 5 tackles and a pass interception, and AJ Kilpatrick with 4 tackles, including two tackles for losses and one sack.

Brantley rolled up 363 yards in total offense, including 269 yards in the air and 94 yards on the ground.

The Bulldogs will host the Florala Wildcats this week with the winner earning the #3 seed in the region, and the loser handed the #4 seed.

Rebels swat 'Jackets 56-28

Statistics from combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed the season with a 5-5 record Friday night with an impressive 56-28 region road win over the Abbeville Yellow Jackets.

Mason Stuart scored on a 23-yard run, Micah Fuller added an 11-yard scoring dash and Brayden Benbow scored on a 42-yard gallop to help spark the Rebel offense, which rolled up 416 yards in total offense, with 339 yards coming on the ground and 77 yards through the air.

The 5-5 record marked the third time in the past six years Zion Chapel has posted five wins in a season.

Kinston clawed by Cats 53-3

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Kinston Bulldogs managed to score only three points on four trips inside the Florala 20-yardline Friday night in a 53-3 region loss to the Florala Wildcats, at Bulldog Stadium.

Kinston received the game's opening kickoff and behind the running of Colby Tew headed down the field and reached a first down at the Florala 7-yardline, only to be stopped as it approached the goal line, and had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Marcus Free as the Bulldogs grabbed a 3-0 lead with 7:59 remaining in the first quarter.

Florala had a quick answer for the early Kinston score and responded with five touchdowns to open up a 33-3 lead at intermission. Rayshon Coleman was the sparkplug for the Wildcats as he rushed for touchdowns on runs of 26, 27 and 26 yards and tossed a 51-yard td pass to Elijah McMeans, while Greyson West added a 59-yard td run as the Wildcats took command.

Florala upped its lead to 40-3 in the third quarter on a 40-yard dash by McMeans, and added a pair of fourth quarter scores on a 2-yard run by West and a 93-yard interception return by Coleman as the Wildcats handed Kinston the 53-3 defeat.

Colby Tew rushed for 69 yards on 22 carries to lead the Kinston ground game, while C.J. Lunsford gained 2 yards on one carry, pulled in 4 passes for 25 yards and completed 4 of 7 passes for 30 yards, with Michael Thompson pulling in 3 passes for 25 yards.

Rayshon Coleman rushed for 142 yards and 3 touchdowns on 10 carries and completed 7 of 12 passes for 179 yards and 1 td to spark the Florala offense, while Elijah McMeans added 73 yards and 1 td rushing on 5 carries and pulled in 3 passes for 77 yards and 1 td, and Greyson West rushed for 79 yards and 2 td's on 10 carries.

Brockton butted by Rams 42-20

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks spotted Headland a 35-0 third quarter lead and saw a determined rally fall far short in a 42-20 loss to the 5A Rams.

Yassiah Rousseau rushed for 126 yards and scored one touchdown on a 31-yard run to lead the Gamecocks on the ground, while Blake Cox rushed for 74 yards on three carries and scored a pair of td's on runs of 10 and 5 yards.

Dawson Peacock completed 4 of 10 passes for 49 yards and Baylon Foster completed 1 of 2 passes for 9 yards, with Foster puling in 2 catches for 30 yards, Kaiden Sims pulling in 1 catch for 12 yards, Caden Wallace pulling in 1 catch for 9 yards and Anthony Silar pulling on 1 catch for 7 yards.

The Gamecock defense was led by Blake Peterson with 6 tackles, while Jared Petite added 5 tackles and a forced fumble; Bryant Crumpler added 5 tackles; Josiah Peterson added 3 tackles, a forced fumble and a recovered fumble, and, Gavin Hand added 3 stops.

Headland scored three touchdowns in the first quarter to move on top 21-0, and added the games next two scores to push the Rams lead to 35-0.

Rousseau's 9-yard td run with 1:50 left in the third quarter pulled the Gamecocks within 35-6, and Blake Cox added a 10-yard scoring dash with 5:35 remaining in the fourth quarter and Cayden Avalos added the extra-point as 'Brockton cut the deficit to 35-13.

Headland upped its advantage to 42-13 eearly in the final stanza, while the final points of the night belonged to the Gamecocks on a 5-yard run by Cox, and the extra-point by Avalos with 1:20 remaining on the clock.



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders had the spirit and kept all fans fired up last week in the 56-28 season finale win over Abbeville.



Kinston Bulldog head coach Rudy Free asks for an explanation after a play in recent action. The Bulldogs host Houston County this week.

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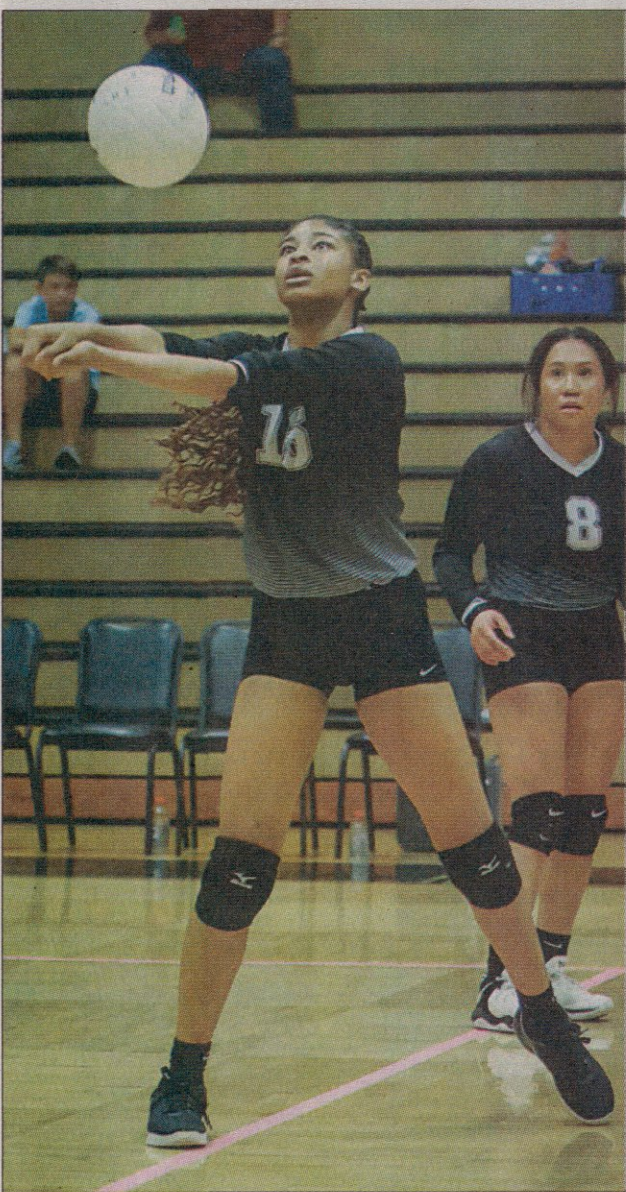
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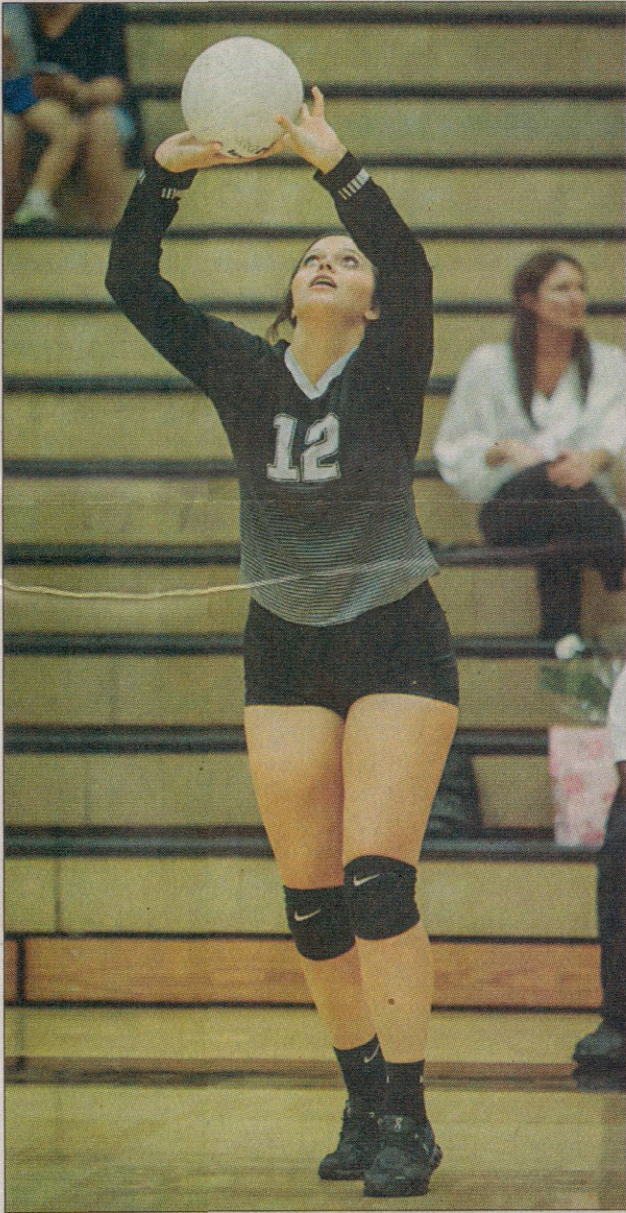
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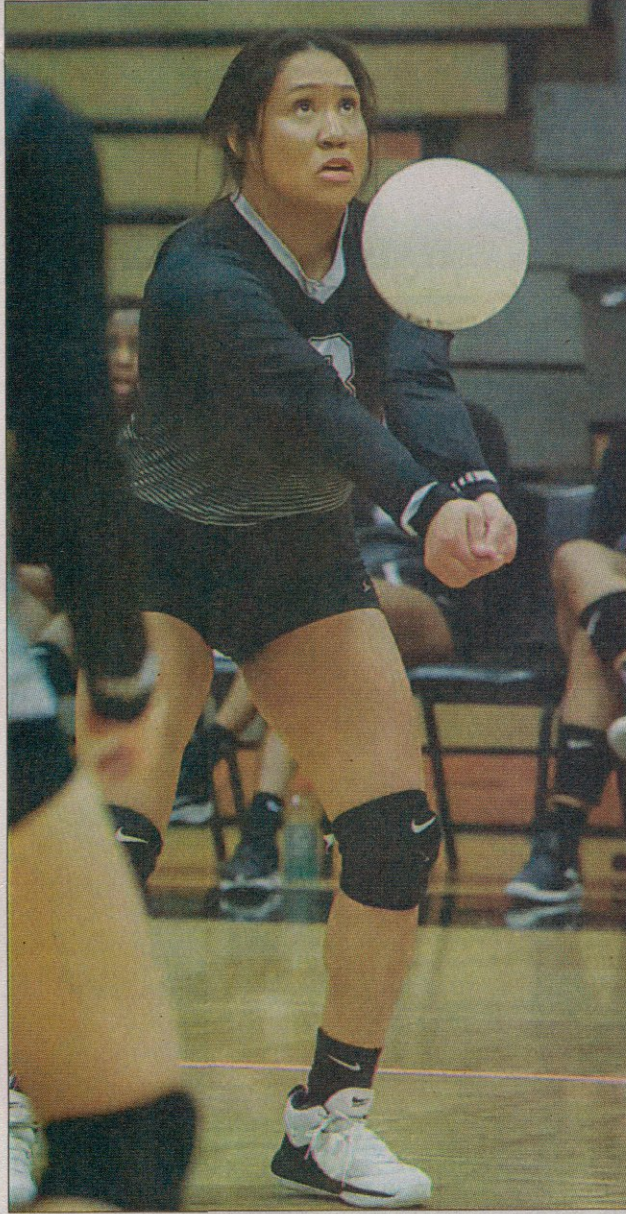
Birmingham Bound!



Elba Lady Tiger senior Brooke Tinsley (16) bumps a ball back to the front row in recent high school volleyball action.



Elba Lady Tiger senior Haylee Tucker (12) keeps the ball in play during a recent high school volleyball match.



Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez (8) bumps a ball back across the net in recent action.

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team continued to add new pages to its history book last week when it claimed two wins at the South ‘Super Regional’ volleyball tournament to earn a spot at this week’s State Tournament, in Birmingham.

The Lady Tigers posted exciting five-set wins over Millry 25-20, 25-21, 13-25, 21-25, 15-10 and Billingsley 25-23, 16-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-4 in elimination bracket play to advance to the ‘Final Four’ and earn a berth at the state tournament, but then in two matches to determine seeding at the state tournament lost to eventual super regional champion University Charter School 10-25, 7-25, 17-25 and a five-set heartbreaker to Sweet Water 25-23, 26-24, 12-25, 20-25, 10-15 to settle for the number four seed at the eight-team state tournament.

“We were all a little disappointed with the loss to Sweet Water,” stated Lady Tiger head coach Melissa Mularz, “but it was our fourth match, and third five-set match in less than twenty-four hours, and I know all the girls were getting tired and several were battling through injuries. Our goals at the beginning of the season were to win the area title and advance to super regional, and while we were co-champs for the regular season area title, we did make it to Montgomery and now are headed to Birmingham. That proves that hard work pays off, because I don’t think there is a team in the state that worked any harder or put in more hours than we did at practice. I know we will be huge



ELBA LADY TIGERS VOLLEYBALLpunched its ticket to this week’s ‘Elite 8’ State Tournament in Birmingham last week with two wins at the South Super Regional, in Montgomery. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) Haylee Tucker and Brooke Tinsley, (standing, l-r) Keelie Moseley, A’Lyric Whitfield, Ja’haira Walker, Mary Kelley, Kendra Juarez, Aubrey Wisecup, Taylor Day, Mary Brooklyn O’Neal, Alayvia Stinson and Sydney Siler.

underdogs at state and will be playing the defending state champs, but I would never bet against this bunch of girls and have no doubt they will play hard and represent Elba High School, and our hometown, well.”

In the five-set win over Millry, the Lady Tigers were led by Aubrey Wisecup with 1 kill, 5 digs, 6 assists and 3 aces, while Alayvia Stinson added 3 kills, 7 digs, 2 assists and 3 aces; Brooke Tinsley added 4 kills, 6 kills and 1 dig; A’Lyric Whitfield added 7 kills, 1 dig and 1 ace; Kendra Juarez added 2 kills, 1 dig, 2 assists and 1 ace; Haylee Tucker added 3 kills, 1 block and 1 ace; Keelie Moseley added 3 kills and 1 dig; Mary Kelley added 2 digs; and, Ja’haira Walker added 2 digs.

In the five-set win over

Billingsley, the Lady Tigers were led by A’Lyric Whitfield with 9 kills, 6 digs and 3 assists, while Alayvia Stinson added 4 digs, 1 assist and 2 aces; Kendra Juarez added 2 kills, 4 digs and 3 assists; Haylee Tucker added 2 kills, 3 blocks and 1 assist; Aubrey Wisecup added 1 dig, 4 assists and 2 aces; Brooke Tinsley added 6 kills and 5 blocks; Sydney Siler added 1 dig and 11 assists; Keelie Moseley added 1 kill and 1 block; Ja’haira Walker added 4 digs; Mary Kelley added 2 digs; Mary Brooklyn O’Neal added 1 ace; and, Taylor Day added 1 dig.

In the loss to University Charter School, the Lady Tigers were led by Aubrey Wisecup with 2 digs, 1 assist and 2 aces, while A’Lyric Whitfield added 5 digs and 2 aces; Brooke Tinsley added 1 kill and

1 block; Alayvia Stinson added 5 digs; Haylee Tucker added 2 kills; Kendra Juarez added 2 digs; and, Ja’haira Walker and Sydney Siler both added 1 dig.

In the five-set loss to Sweet Water, the Lady Tigers were led by A’Lyric Whitfield with 7 kills, 1 block, 3 digs, and 2 assists, while Alayvia Stinson added 3 kills, 3 digs, 3 assists and 3 aces; Keelie Moseley added 2 kills, 2 digs, 1 assist and 1 ace; Brooke Tinsley added 7 kills, 10 blocks, and 3 assists; Kendra Juarez added 3 kills, 2 digs and 2 assists; Haylee Tucker added 5 kills and 1 block; Aubrey Wisecup added 4 assists and 3 aces; Ja’haira Walker added 2 assists; Sydney Siler added 2 assists; and, Mary Kelley added 2 digs.

Elba Junior Tigers post first win, Lady Tigers still on the prowl as season rolls along

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers continued their basketball seasons last week with the Tigers picking up their first win of the season, while the Lady Tigers are still hunting for that elusive first win.

Following are recaps of last week’s games:

BOYS:

Dauphin 41 Elba 9 – The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 41-9 road loss to Dauphin. The Tigers trailed 16-0 after one quarter and also failed to score in the fourth quarter as they never challenged. Levi Martin scored 6 points and Laquatos Edwards added 3 to lead Elba, while Robley and Deetion both scored 8 points to lead Dauphin.

Elba 49 New Brockton 43 – The Elba Tigers rallied in the fourth quarter to pull even and then pulled way in the second overtime period to post an exciting 49-43, double-overtime road win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers fell behind 16-11 in the opening quarter and still trailed 37-32 heading into the fourth quarter, but outscored the Gamecocks 9-4 in the final stanza and then took charge in the second extra period. Laquatos Edwards scored 19 points and Ky’ Avian Stoudemire added 17 to spark Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi Martin 6, Dylan Holley 5 and Brison Burks 2. Scoring for New Brockton were James Wilson 13, David Peacock 11, Lucas Rodriguez 2, Komer Newson 3, Mason Carrington 7 and Braden Bredstreet 7.

GIRLS:

Dauphin 36 Elba 8 – The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up in a 36-8 road loss to Dauphin. The Lady Tigers trailed 27-3 at the half and were never able to rally. Jabria Burks scored 4 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were A’Nya Adams 2, Javonnie Williams 1 and Jadynd Caldwell 1. Williams scored 17 points to lead Dauphin.

New Brockton 37 Elba 16 – The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never challenged in a 37-16 road loss to the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. The Lady Tigers fell behind 15-2 in the first quarter and were never able to rally in the loss. Scoring for Elba were Jabria Burks 7, Andrea Johnson 5, A’Nya Adams 3 and Armani Latimer 1. Scoring for New Brockton were Ariana Smith 9, Jenna Kate Weeks 9, Emily Grace Peeples 8, Kelsey Wallace 6, Priscilla Diaz 3 and Abigail Bustamante 2.



Elba Junior High basketball coach Kelsey Prestwood talks with his players during a recent game.

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Opp at Kinston (girls)

Monday, Nov. 6

New Brockton at Zion Chapel
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Thursday, Nov. 9

New Brockton at Elba
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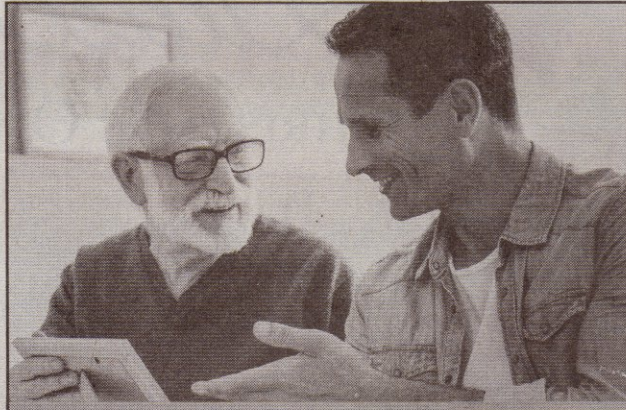
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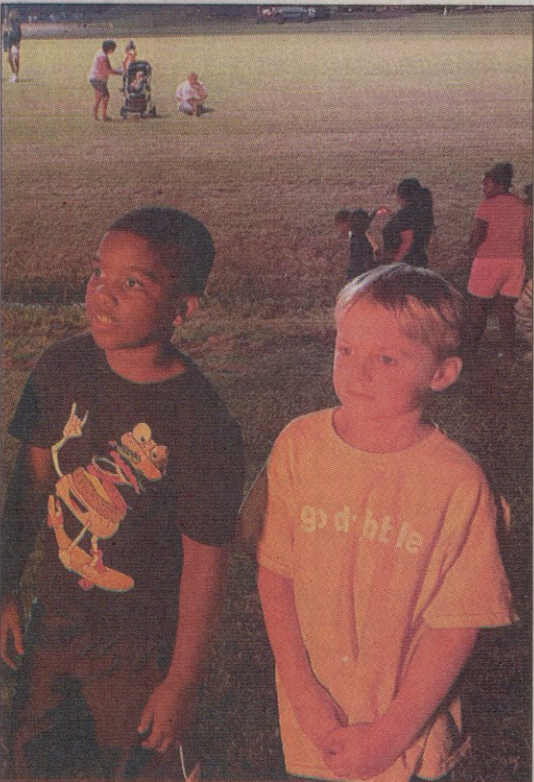
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